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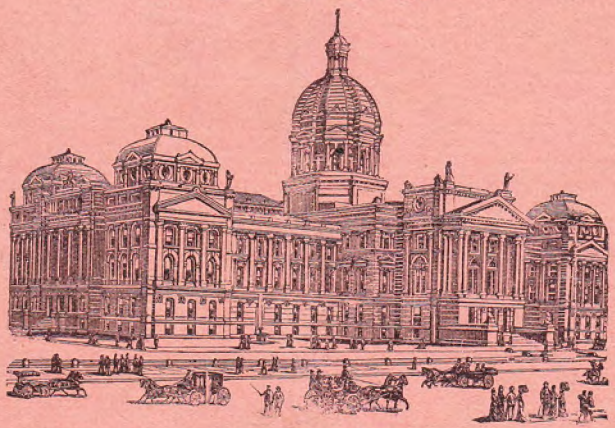

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108	1882, 1c, blue on blue	10
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151	1875, 5c, blue on amber, die B	25
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163	1874, 10c, brown on amber	25
173	1874, 30c, black on white	85
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205	June, 1884, 2c, red on fawn, retouched	20
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253	1887, 4c, carmine on blue	15
254	1887, 4c, carmine on manilla	15
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Wrappers, 2, 3, 6, 12½c the set	25
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The Hoosier Stamp.

Vol. I. No. 12. Indianapolis, July, 1893. 25 Cts. a Year.

NEW POSTAL CARDS.

Washington, July 12.

Postmaster-general Bissell has decided to abandon the three sizes of postal cards now in use, and to substitute one size for both single and reply cards. With that purpose in view, the specifications which have been sent to prospective bidders for the contract of furnishing the postal service with cards during the next four years call for single cards of the uniform size of $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. This is what is known as the international size, it being used generally by the countries composing the national postal union. The double or reply card now in use will be continued, with the size, when folded, reduced to that of the international card. These two cards will take the place of the small or women's card, the medium, and large card and the large return card.

HAND WORK IN STAMP MAKING.

Every part of stamp making is done by hand. The designs are engraved on steel, 200 stamps on a single plate. These plates are inked by two men, and then printed by a girl and a man on a large hand press. They are dried as fast as printed and then gummed with a starch paste made from potatoes. This paste is dried by placing the sheets in a steam fanning machine, and then the stamps are subjected to a pressure of 2,000 tons in hydraulic presses. Next the sheets are cut so that each one contains 100 stamps, after which the paper between the stamps is perforated and after being pressed, the sheets are filed away. If a single stamp is injured the whole sheet is burned.

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HOOSIER PRIZE CONTEST.

In the following pages we place before you a complete list of prizes and full particulars of the greatest prize contest ever offered to the philatelic public for competition. The total amount of prizes offered aggregates $600.00.

This is a fair contest, depending upon your own diligence and ability, and is not a lottery, guess or grab-bag scheme, where your hope of winning is solely dependent on luck or chance.

The object of this contest is to form the largest number of differently spelled words from the letters contained in the word "HOOSIER," and the person forming the largest number will receive the first prize, the person forming the second largest will receive the second prize, and so on throughout the entire list of fifty-three prizes.

LIST OF PRIZES.

Prize.		Catalogued at
1st.	Packet of Stamps,	$100.00
2d.	" "	75.00
3d.	" "	50.00
4th.	" "	40.00
5th.	" "	30.00
6th.	" "	25.00
7th.	" "	20.00
8th.	" "	20.00
9th.	" "	10.00
10th.	" "	10.00
11th.	" "	10.00
12th.	" "	10.00
13th.	" "	10.00
14th.	" "	10.00
15th.	Packet of Stamps,	$10.00
16th.	" "	10.00
17th.	" "	10.00
18th.	" "	10.00
19th.	" "	10.00
20th.	" "	10.00
21st.	" "	10.00
22d.	" "	10.00
23d.	" "	7.50
24th.	" "	7.50
25th.	" "	7.50
26th.	" "	7.50
27th.	" "	7.50
28th.	" "	5.00
29th.	" "	5.00
30th.	" "	5.00
31st.	" "	5.00
32d.	" "	5.00
33d.	" "	2.50
34th.	" "	2.50
35th.	" "	2.50
36th.	" "	2.50
37th.	" "	2.50
38th.	" "	2.50
39th.	" "	2.50
40th.	" "	2.50
41st.	" "	2.50
42d.	" "	2.50
43d.	" "	2.50
44th.	" "	1.00
45th.	" "	1.00
46th.	" "	1.00
47th.	" "	1.00
48th.	" "	1.00
49th.	" "	1.00
50th.	" "	1.00
51st.	" "	1.00
52d.	" "	1.00
53d.	" "	1.00
	Total value.....	$600.00

RULES.

RULE 1. All words must be formed from the letters contained in the word "HOOSIER."

RULE 2. Letters may be used in forming words only as many times as they occur in the word "HOOSIER," therefore, the letter "O" is the only letter that may be used twice in the formation of a word.

RULE 3. All words must be contained in the body of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, under the heading of "A Dictionary of the English Language," or in the supplement, under the heading of "A Supplement of Additional Words and Definitions," but no words contained in the Appendix will be counted.

RULE 4. Should a word have two meanings with only one spelling (such as rose, a plant, and rose, a form of the verb rise), it will only count as one word.

RULE 5. All lists of words must be arranged in alphabetical order and numbered by fives, i. e., 5, 10, 15, 20, etc.

RULE 6. Words must be written plainly, as any word of which there is the least doubt will be marked off the list.

RULE 7. Every person desiring to compete for the prizes must send 25 cents (the regular subscription price) for one year's subscription to the HOOSIER STAMP.

RULE 8. Should two or more persons, whose lists are large enough to win a prize, form the same number of words, the person having sent in his subscription to the HOOSIER STAMP first, will receive the prize.

RULE 9. All stamps in the prize packets are catalogued according to Mekeel's fourth edition and Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s fifty-third edition catalogues.

RULE 10. The time for the closing of this contest will be announced in a later number of the HOOSIER STAMP.

RULE 11. All letters in regard to this contest must be addressed to Chas. E. Babcock & Co., 244 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., and all letters of inquiry must contain stamp for reply.

RULE 12. Plurals of words will not be counted.

RULE 13. Should any other rules be deemed necessary for the furtherance of this contest, they will be duly published in the HOOSIER STAMP.

SUGGESTIONS.

Don't fail to write your name and address plainly on your list of words.

It would be well for you to keep a copy of the list of words sent in.

Rule 8 is probably the most important one to be observed, as by negligence in sending in your subscription you may lose the prize, should some one send in the same number of words as you.

All have equal chances of winning, so let all compete.

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The Hoosier Stamp.

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CHAS. E. BABCOCK, Editor.

Chas. E. Babcock & Co., Business M'grs.

244 College Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Editorial.

Philatelists should, if possible, arrange to make their visit to the World's Fair at the time of the A. P. A. and S. of P. conventions at Chicago, which will be held about the third week of August.

We have received the Annual Report of the Alamo City Philatelic Society. The report is very neat and contains portraits of all the officers. The A. C. P. S. has 78 members in all.

Boys who beg stamps have become such a nuisance in the wholesale business district of Indianapolis that merchants have put signs in their windows stating that they have no old stamps.

The Philatelist says that Mr. Plummer, of the Collectors' Review, is engaged in organizing a Philatelic Press Association. We hope that such an organization will soon become a reality, as it would no doubt be of great benefit to philately in general as well as to the press.

The first number of the Canadian Journal of Philately has very fine illustrations in correct colors of the U. S. 1847 issue, showing the difference in the originals and reprints. Mr. Fowler has a great deal of enterprise.

Chas. J. Rossy of San Antonio, Texas, intends publishing a Stamp Dealers' Directory to be ready about August 15.

Mr. A. J. Gillett, of this city, will be in Chicago the latter part of July and expects to call on some of the "stampies" there.

A representative of one of "ye eastern" wholesale and retail firms was in Indianapolis a few days ago and exhibited some good U. S. stamps, but after seeing the stock of United States stamps in the possession of the Indianapolis dealers, among which is a five-dollar State and a Brattleboro, he admitted that "ye eastern" firm was not in it when it came to U. S. stamps.

Scott's 53rd edition catalogue lists 2195 U. S. stamps, of which 572 are locals and 530 match and medicine stamps.

ANOTHER TESTIMONIAL.

NOBLE, ILL., July 13, 1893.

Chas. E. Babcock & Co.:

GENTLEMEN—

Find enclosed 25c. Please insert enclosed inch ad. in next number of the HOOSIER STAMP. Received good returns from ad. in May number.

Yours truly,

J. W. SMITH STAMP CO.

HOOSIER PRIZE CONTEST.

We have found it necessary to add the following to the list of rules for the Hoosier Prize Contest:

RULE 14. Abbreviations of words will not be counted as words.

RULE 15. Proper names not allowable.

RULE 16. All words must be in the English language.

We have decided not to issue a number of the HOOSIER STAMP during the month of August, but prefer to begin Volume II with the September number, just after the annual convention of the American Philatelic Association and the Sons of Philatelia. We give this notice so that none of our subscribers will think we have suspended publication; far from it, for with number one of our second volume, we intend to enlarge the size of the HOOSIER STAMP. If you have not already subscribed, send in your subscription at once, and also enter the Hoosier Prize Contest.

THE CHINESE POSTAL SYSTEM.

The Chinese have no governmental postal system, and letters are transported by means of so-called "letter-shops." These are somewhat like our express business, as packages are also sent; both letters and packages are insured and registered, and charges are in proportion to the distance to be carried. There are said to be nearly two hundred of these letter-shops in Shanghai alone, which send out employes to work up custom. Foreign letters are conveyed from China to other countries by the postal system of the latter, consuls being considered as postmasters for their own countries.—*Public Opinion.*

SMUGGLING THROUGH THE MAILS.

The postoffice inspectors keep a sharp lookout for smuggling through the mails. About 750 sealed packages are seized annually in the New York postoffice. In an average year 25,000 unsealed parcels are confiscated at the same office and released on the payment of fines which are equivalent to the duties.

Why not enter the HOOSIER PRIZE CONTEST? See pages two and three for rules and list of prizes.

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UNITED STATES.

1868 2c. black grilled	$0.07
1870 3c. green "	.02
1872 30c. black	.06
Justice Department 3c	.22
War " 24c	.18

FOREIGN.

Cuba provisional, 1883 20c. brown surcharged, Scott's number 115, Cat. at $2.50	$1.50
4 Var., Mexico 1864	.10
7 " " Port de Mar	.25
9 " Switzerland, unused	.10
6 " Servia, unused	.10
Entire unused Jamaica wrapper	.03
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I will give a Japanese postal card for every 75 U. S Columbians Any kind and not less than 225 taken. Clarence Bundy, S. of P 856, South Bend, Wash.

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I have 2 Vols. Youth's Companion, 50 Judges and other reading matter to exchange for stamps or first-class birds' eggs. G. D. French, Ivoryton, Ct.

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SPECIAL BARGAINS.

WRAPPERS.

UNUSED.

Brazil.

1889	20 R. Purple	$0 02
1889	40 R. Blue	05
	60 R. Brown	08

France.

1882	1c Black	02
	2c Brown	02
	3c Red	02

Russia.

1890	1 K Orange	02

ENVELOPES.

UNUSED.

Brazil.

1867	200 R. Black	18
1867	300 R. Vermilion	50
1889	100 R. Green	08

India.

1879	9 p Vermilion	08
1886	2 a Blue "Reg"	15

USED.

Brunswick.

1855	2 gr. Blue	75

Germany.

1891	30 pf. Blue pneu	08

Hanover.

1861	1 g Rose	20

Prussia.

1851	2 sg. Blue	40
1851	3 sg. Yellow	40

Thurn and Taxis.

1862	3 Kr. Rose	25

PACKETS.

100	varieties, foreign	10
200	" "	25
25	" France	25
40	" Spain	40

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